



Christmas Journal



2016

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Overview

This has been quite the year from events in our family to a contentious election. I have great hopes for the next four years.

Another Fall

But last Spring I fell. This wasn't like two+ years ago when I fell because of a spine problem that made me black out. I tripped and fell against the table. I ended under the table. Hard not to laugh at the situation-now—my brother (and SIL) who came to my rescue, helped the EMTs lift the table off of me so they could whisk me away to the hospital. Shattered my right shoulder. It was a long 7 weeks without my right arm.

And It Got Worse

Thursday, April 14th the day after I broke my shoulder, we got word that Keith's mom had passed away. This was a shock as this was totally unexpected.

The family gathered in Minden for her funeral the next Tuesday. Her kids and spouses, grandkids and great-grandkids gathered to remember and say that final farewell. So very difficult to say good-bye to Keith's Mom and my Mother-in-law who so cared about her faith and her family.



Homecoming

Daughter Cassie and husband Kurt flew home for the funeral. We didn't see Cassie again until Kurt's year of mobilization was over in July. While he went to get debriefed, his brothers and SIL moved Cassie back to Omaha. We're so glad they are back and close enough to visit.

Mini Omaha Vacation



It might have only been a weekend, but after Cassie got back to Omaha and moved into their apartment, she invited Keith and I to visit.

We stopped first in Lincoln to take son Chris and the grandkids, Devon 16, Dane 14, and Tori 12 out to Ruby Tuesdays for lunch. We talked, caught up with their lives...and laughed.



We went on to Omaha and we found the apartment complex, but Cassie had to come outside to show us where to find the entrance for their apartment.

She and Melvin dog were adjusting to the apartment, but couldn't wait for Kurt to arrive. They live right next to a movie complex where Cassie treated her dad to a movie.

We gathered that evening at a restaurant in Omaha Keith, Carolyn, Cassie, and Chris with two of the grandkids. (One had an event to attend.) We laughed and ate and most sampled each others' food.

The next day we headed home after a quick shopping trip to Trader Joe's. A good trip and good memories. The next week Kurt joined Cassie in Omaha, no longer mobilized and, once more, simply a Navy reservist.



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Keith's Health

Overall, Keith's health has been pretty good. He has had shots in both hips. When his cancer numbers started rising, the Doctor changed one of his three treatments—two shots and a pill. He now takes a different pill and another pill to counteract the negatives about that pill. Keith seems to be doing good with the change.

November Family Get-together

We didn't wait for Thanksgiving to get together with my (Carolyn's) family. Sister Karin was able to come up from Kansas Friday the first weekend in November. Friday afternoon, she and I shopped K-Mart for bargains as the store is going out of business. I found some Christmas gifts and a hat and purse for me.

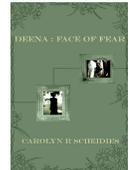


Kurt was training in Denver so Cassie gathered up Melvin and headed to Lincoln to pick up Chris for the weekend. (He didn't have the kids that weekend.) They arrived Saturday morning. Keith and I, Cassie and Chris met Karin, and brother Paul and wife Lorene at the Egg and I for brunch. Delicious.

Saturday turned out to be a full day of shopping and stuff. (We'll forget the disastrous Husker game.) The next morning, Keith and I spent some time with Cassie and Chris before they headed home and before we headed to church.

My Writing

I continue to write my column for the Hub receiving many positive comments. I have started contributing to the monthly Kearney Christian Women's Connection (KCWC) newsletters with appropriate articles and sometimes a poem.



I have updated more of my books. Most of my books now have Kindle versions. Find my poems, articles, books etc. at <http://www.idealinhope.com>

A Different Thanksgiving

Instead of a Scheidies weekend in Minden after Thanksgiving, this year we changed things up. Dad's birthday actually fell on Thanksgiving so we met in Omaha instead. (Two of Keith's siblings &



families as well as Cassie live in Omaha.) With Mom gone, this made for a transition for the family

and made new memories of our time together. We stayed over until Saturday morning before heading home.

Wrap up

This has been a year of sorrows, frustration...and joy. Whatever the future holds we can know hope because of the special baby who came that long ago Christmas night.

Merry Christmas!



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